Bent's Old Fort

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Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site La Junta, Colorado



Hispanic Heritage Day

September 17, 2016







Come join Bent's Old Fort on September 17th when we celebrate the heritage and contributions of Hispanics to our history. Activities for part of the day will be available for the entire family, a few of which are listed below:

- Hands-on construction of adobe bricks
- Demonstrations by blacksmiths
- Baking in hornos (adobe ovens)
- Storytelling by Angel Vigil and Dr. Evangeline Roybal Seña
- Wood carving display by Don Headlee

And those items don't include the sounds and smells you will experience in and around the Fort.

Of Special Interest:

You will have an opportunity to learn about a beloved contractor-builder, Emil Gimeno, who gave mightily of his time and talent in the reconstruction of Bent's Fort. Mr. Gimeno's personal accounts of the work he performed were filmed during the Park's 50 year celebration and will be shown during our Hispanic Heritage celebration. You will also be able to see one of the last surviving adobe bricks from the fort's original construction in 1833.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

9am	Park Opens
Sum	Demonstrations and activities may include Santos carving, horno baking, toy making, retablo painting,
	adobe brick making, carreta use and oxen driving, Spanish colonial blacksmithing
10am	Baking in hornos—side corral—Virginia Ortez
10:30am	Santos Carving—central plaza—Don Headlee
11am	Storytelling: "El Vaquero, America's First Cowboy"—wagon shed —Angel Vigil
12noon	Piñata Break— central plaza
1pm	Special Program on Emil Gimeno—wagon shed — Joe Frausto (Bent's Fort interpreter)
2pm	Living History: "Maria Josefa Jaramillo Carson"—wagon shed—Dr. Evangeline Roybal Seña
3pm	Storytelling: "Cuentos De Aztlan"—wagon shed—Angel Vigil
4pm	Piñata Break—central plaza
4:15pm	Park Closes